

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4, 14 and 20 contain allowable subject matter. By this amendment, Applicant has placed the indicated allowable subject matter in their respective base independent claims 1, 10 and 17, respectively, including intervening claims 2 and 3 in the case of claim 4. Claims 2-4, 14 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, all issues in the Office action are believed to be addressed, and the rejections are believed to be moot. Hence, having fully responded to the Office action, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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